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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

January/February 2009

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Action from Discussion

Many Nebraska librarians, staff, boards and others participated in either the Nebraska Libraries Future Search conference or in focus groups for the conference. We certainly want to keep the conversation going and provide follow-up information on some of the ideas that have come out of that conference.

So, the Nebraska Regional Library Systems will share a topic bi-monthly based on **12 Vision Statements from that 2008 conference**. If you want to use these for conversations with library boards, friends, or your community that would be a way to ensure the discussion continues. Nebraska Library Commission will provide continuing education credits including for library trustees if you put it on the agenda and discuss during a board meeting. A series of questions and activities to choose from in helping initiate the conversation are listed below the vision statement. We suggest choosing at least two questions and two activities, however you can choose many or all of them – and utilize them throughout 2009, as a way of continuing the Nebraska Libraries Future Search discussion.

Vision statement to consider:

The library is a vital hub, woven into the fabric of the greater community, responding to and empowering people through local and global connections.

Questions:

- Talk about ways your library is a hub within the community, or services that might reflect the library's involvement in the community as a whole locally and beyond.

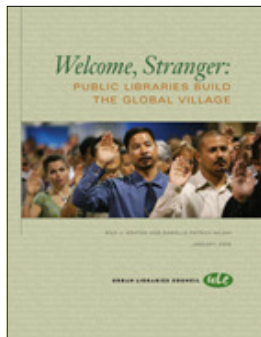
- Let's say a newspaper wants to do a story on the library and the role it plays in the community, what would you list? Provide examples of how library services impact library customers in their day to day lives. Talk about connections made locally, regionally, statewide and internationally.
- List community and customer needs that are prevalent today. In what ways can library services assist in responding to those needs or how are they perhaps already responding?
- Library websites are one way of providing access to library services and information around the clock. Two of many are Holdrege Public Library at www.holdregelibrary.com, or Bennington Public Library at <http://library.bennington-ne.com/> where the possibility to chat or blog is available anytime. Libraries are also investigating the use of kiosks, or mall locations where the library is placed where people tend to congregate. Connecting the library to customers with particular needs such as English Language Learners or finding a job, as well as partnering with organizations like a literacy council or Nebraska Workforce are examples of services provided as a direct response to a particular need while collaborating to make the most of community wide resources. List outreach services your library provides, or might consider developing, or partnerships with other organizations that reinforce the library as THE community center – the place that will “connect” individuals with product in response to customer need or desire, within or outside the walls of the library during the hours the library is open or closed.

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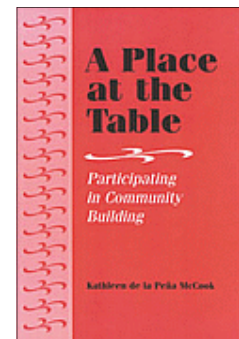
Activities:

Nebraska libraries include the Library Bill of Rights as part of a policy which lists service to all people of the community— not restricting access based on origin, age, background or views. Review the Library Bill of Rights at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/statementspols/statementsif/librarybillrights.cfm>.

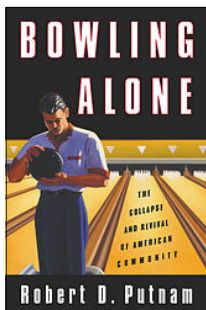


Veronda Pitchford, of the Urban Libraries Council (ULC), was the speaker at the Fall Colloquium October 2008. ULC's publication: *Welcome, Stranger: Public Libraries Build the Global Village* is a great resource for libraries of all types for strategies in welcoming and helping immigrants in transitions into the community. It also provides information on the major role libraries provide in this process. You can find copies of this publication to borrow, 17 pages, as well as the 25 page toolkit at the Nebraska Regional Library Systems' offices and the Nebraska Library Commission, or on the Urban Libraries Council website: www.urbanlibraries.org/publications/print.html. Review and discuss for insight in successfully serving a growing constituent in Nebraska.

Nebraska Regional Library Systems and Nebraska Library Commission have copies of Kathleen de la Pena McCook's book: *A Place at the Table: Participating in Community Building*. It outlines methods for ensuring that librarians are a part of community discussions, planning and problem solving with tools for strengthening community partnerships and connections while promoting the library's assets. Use the book to begin discussion for building community collaboration and empowerment through library services and involvement. Or take a look online at McCook's – A Librarian At the Kitchen Table - www.urbanlibraries.org/publications/print.html. The blog provides great articles for discussion and consideration, as well as timely information on libraries building community in a variety of settings.



Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community by Robert D. Putnam was a national



bestseller and provided provocative ideas on social change focusing on American behavior increasingly disconnecting from each other and social structures. Listen to an interview with Professor Putnam on NPR's All Things Considered: www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=1074874. Listen as a group and use for discussion. What do you agree or disagree with? This program and book were published in 2000, how are things different or the same in 2009? For more information on the book or Putnam go to: <http://www.bowlingalone.com/>.

Please feel free to share your comments and feedback from these discussions and exercises. Nebraska Regional Library Systems will be posting bi-monthly discussions on system e-mail lists, newsletters and websites. We are also exploring ways of presenting the discussion in an interactive online format that could involve statewide participation. There is a Nebraska Libraries Future Search wiki hosted by Nebraska Library Commission where we can post discussion information and feedback:

www.nlc.state.ne.us/wikis/fs/Whats%20Next.ashx.

Changes to NEBASE and OCLC

NEBASE was established as an OCLC regional network in May 1976, with nine academic libraries partnering with the Nebraska Library Commission. Today NEBASE members number 141 libraries of all types. NEBASE staff handle customer service, training, technical support, and billing for OCLC products and services related to cataloging, reference, and resource sharing. To keep costs to members low, the Nebraska Library Commission subsidizes this service.

Over the past thirty-five years, fifteen other independent OCLC networks, as well as two OCLC regional networks, were established to provide the same services to their members as NEBASE. Two years ago, OCLC began reviewing this network structure and, after study and discussion, decided to make major changes in its relationships with its members and the existing networks. Under the new structure, OCLC will work with “Partners” at several levels.

A basic change in the new structure involves the way members are billed for membership, products, and services. Because NEBASE is a small network and the Nebraska Library Commission does not charge membership fees for anything other than NEBASE/OCLC services, it will not be financially sustainable for NEBASE to become an OCLC Partner.

OCLC’s new structure will be in place on July 1, 2009. As of that date, the following changes will be in effect

- all telephone and e-mail support of OCLC’s products and services will go to an OCLC Support Center
- billing and renewals for NEBASE members will come directly from OCLC (at a later date, there may be an opportunity for Nebraska libraries to work with other existing Partners)
- training will be offered online and in face-to-face workshops at prices set by OCLC or the OCLC Partner offering the training.

NEBASE staff will continue to handle OCLC renewals, ordering, billing, support, and training through June 30, 2009. At that time, Christa Burns, OCLC Member Services Coordinator, will be assigned to other duties at the Library Commission.

After July 1, 2009, if Nebraska libraries wish to participate in group discount purchases of OCLC products such as CatExpress or WebDewey, the Nebraska Library Commission will handle the coordination of such purchases, as it would with any other vendor.

If you would like more details about OCLC’s Partner Program, contact:

**Christa Burns (cburns@nlc.state.ne.us) or
Devra Dragos (ddragos@nlc.state.ne.us) or
(800)307-2665.**



January



January 29th – CASTL (Conversations Among Small Town Librarians) meeting in Plattsmouth – starting at 10 a.m.

February

February 4th – Theresa Dickson workshops on Fifty Plus and Supervising at the Beatrice Public Library.

February 10th – Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Legislative Day, see page 9.

February 13th – Targeting the Ages: Programming that Hits the Mark, Soaring to Excellence, College of DuPage Library Teleconference from 11 to 12:30. To register and for more information go to the Nebraska Library Commission web site at www.nlc.state.ne.us/ and search on the Training Calendar by using DuPage.



February 20th – SELS Board Meeting in Greenwood starting at 10 a.m.

February 26th – 28th – Nebraska State Reading Conference in Kearney - www.nereads.org/conference/index.html.



February 27th – CASTL (Conversations Among Small Town Librarians) meeting in Geneva.

March

March 8th – 14th – Teen Tech Week – Press Play @ your library[®] for information and resources go to: www.ala.org/teentechweek.

March 12th – Summer Reading Workshop at Walt Branch in Lincoln. See page 11.

March 13th - NLC Commissioners meeting.

March 18th – PARA Spring Meeting.



March 20th – CASTL (Conversations Among Small Town Librarians) meeting in Crete.

March 20th – TSRT Spring Meeting.

April

April 1st to April 3rd – Kansas Library Association/Mountain Plains Library Association Conference in Wichita, Kansas–see www.kansaslibraryassociation.org/displayconvention.cfm.

April 3rd – Library Challenges & Opportunities: Diversity Beyond the Obvious, College of DuPage Library Teleconference from 11 to 12:30. To register and for more information go to the Nebraska Library Commission web site at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/> and search on the Training Calendar by using DuPage.

April 12th – 18th – National Library Week – Worlds connect @ your library[®]. For information and materials go to: www.ala.org/nlw. Materials are available in both Spanish & English.

April 16th - Soaring to Excellence: An Ounce of Prevention: Health Reference Basics, College of DuPage Library Teleconference from 11 to 12:30. To register and for more information go to the Nebraska Library Commission web site at www.nlc.state.ne.us/ and search on the Training Calendar by using DuPage.


The **Nebraska Library Commission** awarded a total of **\$40,000 in grants for 27 libraries** to assist in providing improved services to children and young adults, and to provide continuing education and training opportunities for children and young adult librarians.

These awards represent an important part of the Library Commission's commitment to the following goal established for the Nebraska Library Commission LSTA Five-Year Plan 2008-2012.

Goal 1: All Nebraskans will have improved access to enhanced library and information services, provided and facilitated by qualified library personnel, boards, and supporters with the knowledge, skills, abilities and attitudes necessary to provide excellent library and information services.

The following libraries received grants:

Atkinson Public Library	"Stepping Into Reading Success"	\$1,800
Battle Creek Public Library	"Golden Opportunities with Golden Sowers"	\$ 670
Beatrice Public Library	"Children's Spaces and Programs to Facilitate Play, Reading, Learning & Creativity"	\$4,500
Bennington Public Library	"Children Become Published Authors"	\$1,744
Blair Public Library	"Educational Resource Collection/Toy Library"	\$2,500
Central City Public Library	"Pirates and Pineapples" and "Downright Good Writing!"	\$ 697
Fairfield Public Library	"Books for Young Adults"	\$ 250
Hastings Public Library	"Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros"	\$3,330
Hooper Public Library	"Time for Teens"	\$4,200
Kearney Public Library	"Express Yourself Graphically @ Kearney PL"	\$2,523
Neligh Public Library	"Totes for Tots"	\$ 750
Norfolk Public Library	"Reader's Theater Company"	\$1,410
Osmond Public Library	"YA Audio Collection"	\$ 250
Lied Pierce Public Library	"Creativity at your library"	\$ 750
House Memorial Library, Pender	"Solve the Mystery! Join the 39 Clues Club @ your library!"	\$1,300
Ponca Carnegie Library	"Book Banquet"	\$1,525
Lied Randolph Public Library	"Explore the Arts"	\$1,494
Scottsbluff Public Library, #1	"Teen Technology Grant"	\$ 782
Scottsbluff Public Library, #2	"Cradle Catchers"	\$ 450
South Sioux City Public Library	"Infant & Toddler Story Time"	\$ 600
Springfield Memorial Library	"ART Bags"	\$ 455
Stromsburg Public Library	"Youth Gaming @ the Library"	\$ 809
Tekamah Carnegie Public Library, #1	"Play Date at the Library"	\$ 800
Tekamah Carnegie Public Library, #2	"Video Game Nights for Teens"	\$ 831
Wahoo Public Library	"Be Creative @ your library"	\$ 750
John A. Stahl Library, West Point	"Teen Creativity in the Library"	\$ 750
Kilgore Memorial Library, York	"Art: Up, Down & All Around"	\$2,630
ELS & SELS	"Youth Services Retreat"	\$ 700



Platts- mouth Book Event Notes

The Big Read is a grant program that is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. The intent of this program is to encourage recreational reading among adults by promoting this as a community event. The **Plattsmouth Public Library** was chosen as a participating community with the book, "The Maltese Falcon" by Dashiell Hammett.

The programming started on Sunday, October 5, with a big reception at the library. The reception included the community band, children's activities, refreshments, book giveaways and a visit from Sam Spade!

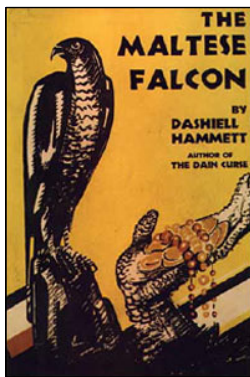
Mayor Paul Lambert presented the library with an official proclamation declaring October 5-November 14, 2008 as "The Big Read" in Plattsmouth.

Then on October 10, the library's auditorium became "Dash's Place" the first ever speak-easy held here. Approximately 50 guests enjoyed Mocktails while listening to the Janet Stanley Jazz Trio who played classics of the era. There was also a treasure hunt with clues throughout the library, a blackjack table, and the evening ended with gourmet cakes for dessert to wrap up the events. The guests even managed to avoid arrest during the "raid" by having a book discussion!

Parmelee House Bed and Breakfast became a scene of poor Barbara Paige-Turner's demise on October 19 and 20. Two sets of characters and guests had to decipher clues and red herrings to deduce who the killers were. Both of these nights were much fun as false accusations and false clues were flying throughout the room! Bill Astley and Jennifer Roby in the end were unmasked as the respective murderers.

Author Alex Kava was here on November 1, giving a great talk about her books, especially her newest one, "Exposed." She is a very interesting speaker with humorous insights into the writing process. And she took questions from the audience of about 40 people and that is always fun.

"Big Read Trivia Night" at Bay Hills Golf Club was very competitive and exciting. The crowd split into teams to answer questions from "Trivia on Tap" about the 1920's and 1930's with questions about The Maltese Falcon thrown in. Dinner specials were available of "Brigid O' Shaunnassey's Corned Beef Dinner" or "Sam Spade's Special Shrimp Basket."



The last event was an ice cream social at River House Antiques on Friday, November 14. 15 guests enjoyed ice cream treats and a lively book discussion to conclude the events of the Big Read program. The drawing for the replica of the Maltese Falcon was held with Joe Ostaseski being the winner!

Overall, this program was a huge success especially because there were 500 copies of "The Maltese Falcon" book given away not only in Platts-mouth but county wide. I would like to thank the community for its support of these programs and for everyone who read the book.

-Kirsten Wood, Children's Librarian





Gingerbread houses a tradition at the **Fairmont Public Library** ... Graham Crackers, Frosting, candy and imagination!! Wanda Marget, Director

Webermeier Memorial Library in Milford reported that during the last Friends of the Library Book sale they tried something different with selling books at \$1 per pound. George Matzen, library director, thinks perhaps it could be a new easier way to manage the book sale and possibly bring in more funds. Matzen also wanted to add encouragement for carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in library buildings. Webermeier recently discovered a low dose of CO poisoning that had been happening in the library over an extended period of time. CO poisoning is difficult to detect since it is a gas that has no odor or color. Medline Plus (www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/) says CO is found in combustion fumes, such as those made by cars and trucks, lanterns, stoves, gas ranges and heating systems.

Note: Another library in SELS dealt with this issue: Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City. Barbara Hegr, director, let us know they only became aware of the problem, due to an alert from a detector. They ended up evacuating the building and closing for a day, so that levels could get down to where it was safe for people to inhabit, and for time to repair the problem.

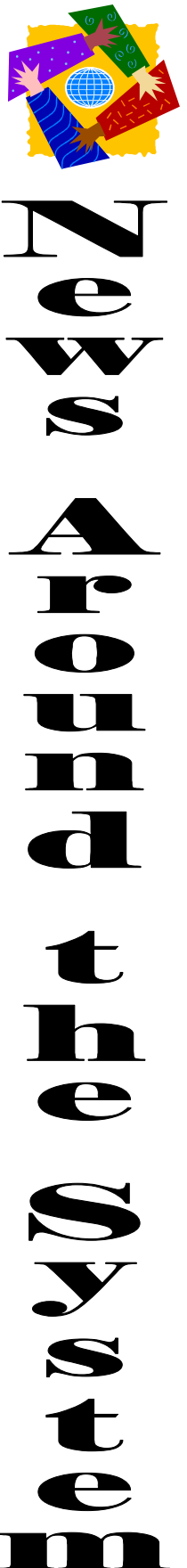
At the November CASTL Meeting at **Wymore Public Library**, we had Dee Aguilar from the UNL Speakers Bureau talk about Lifelong Learning, Play and Humor. Dee shared these interesting facts to help encourage all of us to put more laughter into our days:

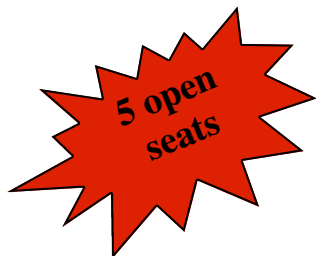
- 10 minutes of laughter = 2 hours of napping
- 100 laughs = 10 minutes on the Rower (exercise machine)
- 15 minutes of laughter = 15 hours of meditation

And, on the aha side of things:

- Adults average 17 laughs a day
- Kids average 300 laughs a day

Aguilar encouraged us to do a simple "laughter assessment": Where do you laugh the most? When do you laugh the most? And, With whom do you laugh the most?





Call for Board Nominations

The Southeast Library System is seeking nominations of persons representing member libraries to serve on the System Board of Directors. Board members will be elected to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2009. Nominees may be librarians, trustees, or library users.

Please nominate yourself or someone else you think would be a valuable addition to the board.

Who Can Be On the Board, and What is Involved in Board Membership?

Nominations are received from 15 counties in the Southeast Library System geographic area: Hamilton, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Saline, Nemaha, Fillmore, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson. Board members should be representative of a) public libraries, b) school libraries and media centers, c) academic libraries, d) special and institutional libraries, or e) users and trustees of such libraries.

The Board governs the Southeast Library System. It is similar to a public library board of trustees or the board of any non-profit organization. Member responsibilities include approval of policies, plans and budget, and selection and evaluation of the System Administrator.

Members serve three-year terms and are eligible for two consecutive terms. The Board usually meets six times a year, at times and places chosen by the members. Members do not receive a salary, wage or fee for their services. However, they are reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. Mileage to and from meetings is reimbursed at the federal rate. Board members must have access to e-mail.

Who Currently Serves on the Board?

Glenda Willnerd, Lincoln Public Schools District Office, President; Karen Frank, Greenwood Public Library, Vice-President; Scott Childers, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Secretary/Treasurer, Rebecca Bernthal, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Ruth Carlock, Levitt Library York College; Barbara Hegr, Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City; Wanda Marget, Fairmont Public Library; Kim McCain, Tri-County, DeWitt; Kent Munster, Clark Enersen Architects, Lincoln; Misty Prochaska, Kaplan University, Lincoln; Tom Schmitz, Lincoln Regional Center; and Jan Thomsen, Alice M. Farr Public Library, Aurora.

Mail or email your nomination by April 1, 2009 to: SELS, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505 / jennip@alltel.net

Name: _____ Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Address: _____ Email _____

Circle one: Librarian/Media Specialist Trustee User

What special characteristics qualify this person for Board membership?

I have contacted this person and s/he has agreed to accept nomination to the Board (*circle one*) yes no

Nomination submitted by: _____

NLA Legislative Day

February 10, 2009

LIBRARIES MATTER!

Join your state senator and colleagues
to discuss the future
of Nebraska's libraries.

- ___ **7:30** **Coffee and Doughnuts in Room 1023, State Capitol**
-9:30 Start the day off with refreshments and a visit with our senators, staff members and other librarians.
Don't Come Alone: Invite your senator, trustees and city officials too!
- ___ **9:30** **Briefing at Lincoln Woman's Club — 407 S. 14th**
 You will receive information on current legislation and library issues from Pam Bohmfalk, NLA President; Ken Winston, NLA's lobbyist and Rod Wagner, State Librarian. Nancy Busch, Univ. of NE Libraries, will also speak.
- ___ **Noon** **Lunch at the Cornhusker Hotel**
 Invite your senator to a great lunch. The cost is \$20 per person. Please offer to pay for your senator's lunch AND make sure to escort him/her to the luncheon. If your senator is unable to attend, invite his/her legislative aide — they are important contacts in the lobbying process and you should get to know them. They will have received formal invites to Legislative Day, but need to have personal invites as well.
- ___ **1:15** **Afternoon Session** at the Cornhusker with Brian Mikkelsen, Nebraska State Education Assoc. Director of political action.
- ___ **\$20 for my participation**
 ___ **\$20 for the Senator's lunch**
 ___ **\$20 for each city official, trustee, or other participant**
 ___ **\$20 donation for honoree's meal or NLA Legislative Day expenses**
 (no refunds after 01/28/2009)

Name _____ Library _____
 E-Mail _____ State Senator _____
 Library Trustee/Friend or City Official _____

Make Checks Payable to: **Nebraska Library Association** Mail to: NLA Legislative Committee
 c/o Eastern Library System, 11929 Elm Street, Suite 12, Omaha, NE 68144

Registrations Must be Received by: February 5, 2009

Please remember to invite your Senator or his/her staff to lunch.
 You can find your senator's phone # at: www.nebraskalegislature.gov/. Click on: Senators.



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Year of CHIRS

A free newsletter about Nebraska's Consumer Health Information Resource Service

Good Links—

- CHIRS—your one-stop consumer health information service in Nebraska

<http://www.unmc.edu/library/consumer>

- Go Local Nebraska—best source for local support groups & health facilities

<http://medlineplus.gov/nebraska>

- MedlinePlus—National Library of Medicine's consumer health information site

<http://medlineplus.gov>

- Request free CHIRS posters and brochures

<http://www.unmc.edu/library/consumer>

NLM and ALA Join Together for Health Information

The National Library of Medicine and the American Library Association have teamed up to create the Good Health

Information @Your Library site. The site covers resources created and maintained for consumers by the National Library of Medicine—specifically those resources that address the diseases

and illnesses that affect people of color. The goal of the site is to assist users, especially those in the rural setting, to “make good health decisions”.

Take a look at the site, and consider adding it to your library's health information webpage, as well as sharing it with your community and non-profit groups for their newsletters.



**Good Health
Information
@Your Library**

<http://olos.ala.org/goodhealth/>

January 2009 Health Observances

National Birth
Defects Prevention
Month

National Radon
Action Month

National Blood
Donor Month

Thyroid Awareness
Month

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/nho/nho.asp?year=2009#m1>

New CHIRS Book List

100 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT LEUKEMIA / EDWARD D. BALL. Jones and Bartlett Publishers, c2008.

100 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT SINUSITIS AND OTHER SINUS

DISEASES / RHODA WYNN. Jones and Bartlett Publisher, c2008.

100 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT SLEEP AND SLEEP DISORDERS / SUDHANSU CHOKROVERTY. Jones and Bartlett Publishers, c2008.

100 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT SPINE DISORDERS / RAHUL JANDIAL. Jones and Bartlett Publishers, c2009.

100 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT YOUR SPORTS INJURY / THOMAS M. HOWARD. Jones and Bartlett

Publishers, c2008.

AMERICA'S TOP DOCTORS. Castle Connolly Medical Ltd., c2007-c2008

FITNESS & YOUR HEALTH / DAVID C. NIEMAN. Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, c2007

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9:30-10: Registration

10-12: Alice Boeckman Summer Reading craft and

project ideas featuring low/no cost crafts and programs. She will be offering suggestions for everyone from babies-teens. Highlights: Music, Acting, Puppets, Creative Writing, Dance, Visual Arts, Nature Arts and possibly "domestic arts" (cooking/baking). Some ideas from the manual, either showing the finished product or tweaking the ideas a little bit. She will also be presenting some ideas not found in the manual.

12-12:15: Break

12:15-1: Alice Boeckman continued.

Lunch

2-3: Die cut time and idea sharing. Of course, the casual atmosphere will allow you to share ideas with your fellow librarians. Have a great idea? Bring 50 copies to share. And don't forget paper for die cuts.

3-4: Sally Snyder: Book Reviews

Be Creative

Southeast Library System's

2009 Summer Reading Program

March 12, 2009

Walt Branch Library
6701 S. 14th St., Lincoln
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$15 which includes lunch

Send registrations by **March 3rd** to:
Southeast Library System,
5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505
Or fax: 467-6196



Name _____

Library _____

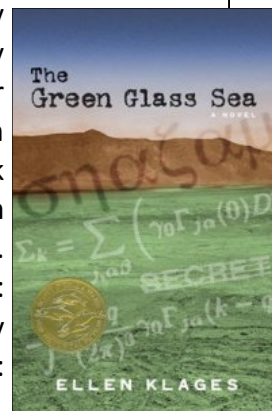
Phone _____

Email _____

*This workshop is helped along by Nebraska Library Commission funds, your registrations, and the SELS Board CE Committee. Thank you!

Please bring your summer reading manual, crayons, markers, scissors, and glue, well as paper for die cuts.

The **One Book for Nebraska Kids 2009** selection is *The Green Glass Sea*, by Ellen Klages, and is aimed at readers in grades 4-6. This book is about Dewey Kerrigan, 11, who travels to New Mexico in 1943 and meets up with her father, who lives on a secret base and is working on a top secret project with a number of other scientists, including J. Robert Oppenheimer. Book discussion bags with 15 copies of the book are now available to borrow from the Nebraska Library Commission or the Nebraska Regional Library Systems. Discussion questions, puzzles and background information are available at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/obonk.html. For more information contact Sally Snyder (NLC Young Adult & Children Library Service Coordinator) at: ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us or (402)471-4003 or (800)307-2665.



The **Public Library Statistical Report for fiscal year 2008** is now available for data submission through *Bibliostat™ Collect*. The URL to access the program is <http://collect.btol.com/>. Please note that this is a new web address and a new version of the program. To be eligible for state aid, public library statistics for 2007-2008 must be submitted via *Bibliostat™ Collect* by **March 31, 2009**. Library directors can use the user ID and password assigned for previous surveys in order to access the survey. Individual notices about the survey with passwords will also be sent to library directors.

As mentioned, you will be using a brand new version of the program,
so please don't hesitate to contact the us for help.

For more information about the annual survey contact
John Felton at: jfelton@nlc.state.ne.us or (800)307-2665.

Bibliostat Collect

CASTL Meetings 2009

January 29th – Plattsmouth

February 27th – Geneva

March 20th – Crete

April 23rd – Lincoln/James Arthur – joint Friends Foundation Meeting

June 19th – Seward – joint NEMA – Golden Sower books

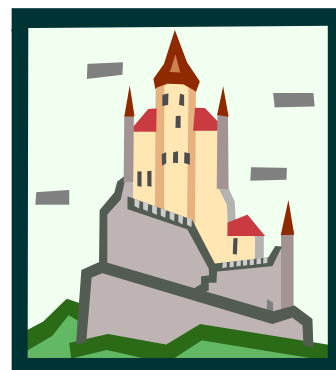
July 31st – DeWitt – joint Trustee

August 28th – Falls City

September 24th – Shickley

November 19th – Lincoln

December 10th – Nebraska City



**Conversations Among
Small Town Librarians**



Back on the Bus!

OF COURSE THERE'S A BUS TRIP!

This will be the fifth annual Road Trip– we're heading up north for the American Library Association 2009 Conference.

July 9-14th, 2009

Be part of the energy that is the Bus! Workshop ideas, speakers, and networking are a legendary part of the road trip, but most of all, use the bus for the opportunity to attend a national conference for **\$35!** That's right, thanks to the Nebraska Regional Library Systems, and to a grant* from the Nebraska Library Commission, there will be just a low cost for the bus ride. (Riders are responsible for their own hotel arrangements and conference registration.)

Bookmark www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/index.cfm and check back often for updated information on registration, conference programming, special events, travel, and insider tips on everything Chicago

Pick-ups for the bus will be in Lincoln & Omaha.

So sign up today to join Road Trip 2009!

Please let us know your serious interest as early as possible, so that if we need to reserve a larger bus we can!

Sign up deadline: June 19, 2009

Contact Jenni Puchalla, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505

jennip@alltel.net or 800-288-6063/467-6188

*This project was supported in part by a Continuing Education and Training grant, awarded by the Nebraska Library Commission.

**If space permits, each rider may bring a non-library affiliated guest, who, according to grant stipulations, would be required to pay \$100.

Advocating in a Tough Economy

A new web-based resource has just been released that will help library advocates make the case for libraries during times of economic downturn. The "Advocating in a Tough Economy" toolkit is available at www.ala.org/tougheconomytoolkit.

"With city, county, state and federal budgets under increasing pressure, we need to be making the case for libraries more than ever. All too often, libraries are the first to receive budget cuts. Funders need to understand the essential role that libraries play in our society and economy, with usage up significantly, and increasing numbers of people coming to libraries for job-related services, for access to government assistance programs, and as a way of making their money go further," says Keith Michael Fiels, ALA Executive Director. "The new toolkit will arm librarians and library supporters with the facts and strategies they need to speak out effectively for libraries in this tough economy,"

The toolkit contains information on how to work with decision-makers, ways to work with the media, and talking points to help libraries articulate the role of libraries in times of economic downturn. Talking points on the economic value of libraries, with return-on-investment examples; libraries and the economy; and upswings in library usage are included. Users are also invited to share their stories of how they have successfully advocated. Recent media coverage of libraries is also featured.

This resource is part of the "Advocacy U", ALA's new initiative geared to providing tools, training and resources to library advocates achieve real advocacy goals in real situations at the local level. Learn more at www.ala.org/advocacyuniversity.



What's New from the Commission?

- The Nebraska Library Commission has again funded a statewide license for public viewing of motion pictures in Nebraska public libraries. With this license, through Movie Licensing USA, Inc., motion pictures may be shown as part of library services and programming at the library through **September 30, 2009**. For more information, contact Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission's Coordinator of Children and Young Adult Library Services at: ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us or (402)471-4003 or (800)307-2665.
- Handouts prepared by Sally Snyder for her two presentations at the NLA/NEMA Conference are now available, with brief descriptions, in digital format. You are welcome to download and/or print them as needed.

Be Creative @ your library™ is the handout for the session on the 2009 summer reading program. Go to:

http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/summerreading/2009bcyl_handoutfromNLAsession.pdf (PDF)

http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/summerreading/2009bcyl_handoutfromNLAsession.doc (Word)

Best New Books of 2008 is the handout for the session on the new books for Preschool - Young Adult ages. Go to:

http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/SummerReading/BB2008bestbooks_handoutfromNLAsession.pdf (PDF)

http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/SummerReading/BB2008bestbooks_handoutfromNLAsession.doc (Word)

For more **2009 Summer Reading Program links** <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/SummerReading/srp.html>

- Times change, new technologies come along, and we use them to (hopefully) improve our services. *What's up Doc?*, our bimonthly newsletter listing state and federal publications received at the Library Commission, has gone 2.0! Sometimes doing something new means stopping doing something the old way. The print *What's Up Doc* will cease publication with the November/December 2008 issue. The 2008 annual compilation of state documents will also be published soon. A new *What's Up Doc* was launched as a blog in September 2008, and is accessible at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/blogs/whatsupdoc>. The new *Doc* features all of the information provided in the old *Doc*, and more. Blog format allows us to post lists of newly received publications, make announcements about state e-pubs that we have downloaded to our server, and blog about "documents in the news" more frequently than was possible with the bimonthly compilation. The publications lists include OCLC catalog numbers and hot-links to downloaded copies of documents that any library can use to add them to their catalogs. *Doc* is also broadening in scope to feature updates about other projects documents staff are involved with: Nebraska Memories, collaborative digitization projects, scanning materials from the NLC Archives, information services, etc. We welcome feedback and comments about the new *What's Up Doc*—pros and cons of making the change, need for future annual state docs compilations, comments on news postings, etc. Would you like to write a news article for us to post? How about using the blog to comment! Or contact Beth Goble, Government Information Services Director 402-471-4017 email bgoble@nlc.state.ne.us. To sign up for *What's Up Doc* via RSS go to the site and click on the RSS link.

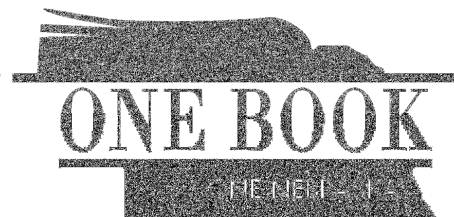
Note: the Nebraska Library Commission is our state library and is located in downtown Lincoln. It provides funding to the six Regional Library Systems and is responsible for tracking Continuing Education hours, ILL, reference, network services, certification, and accreditation, among other things.

One Book One Nebraska 2009 : *A Lantern in Her Hand*

A classic story of a pioneer woman who withstands the adversity of existence on the prairie to triumph in the joy of everyday life. Libraries across Nebraska are encouraged to join other literary and cultural organizations in planning for 2009 activities and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this story. Support materials to assist with reading/discussion activities will be distributed in early 2009.

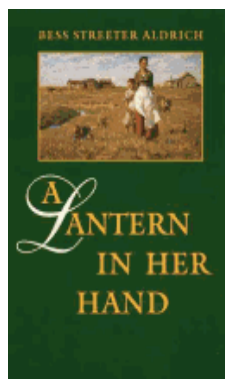
One Book One Nebraska 2009 is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Humanities Council, Nebraska Library Association, Nebraska Library Commission, and the University of Nebraska Press. This year the reading celebration is hosted by the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation, www.bessstreeteraldrich.org. The Foundation will sponsor activities throughout the year to help highlight One Book One Nebraska, including:

- Short Story Contest (www.bessstreeteraldrich.org/contest.html) for Nebraska authors (Adult, High School, and Middle School). Prizes will be awarded for original stories to winners in each age category. Deadline for submissions: February 17, 2009, Bess Streeter Aldrich's birthday.
- February 15, 2009: Bess Streeter Aldrich Birthday Celebration and Open House at the Bess Streeter Aldrich House, 204 East F Street, Elmwood, Nebraska to kick-off the yearlong celebration of **One Book One Nebraska 2009: Nebraska Reads *A Lantern in Her Hand***.
- April 18, 2009: Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation Spring Banquet will feature Carol Miles Petersen's presentation of Bess Streeter Aldrich's story behind *A Lantern in Her Hand*. The winners of the Aldrich short story contest will be honored at the banquet.



Additional resources for **One Book One Nebraska 2009: Nebraska Reads *A Lantern in Her Hand*** are in development and will be available January 1, 2009, including:

- **Book Club Kit**, with discussion questions, book bags and books (courtesy University of Nebraska Press) for libraries to borrow, and suggested resources.
- **Website**, as part of the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation site, www.bessstreeteraldrich.org, and linked from www.onebookonenebraska.org/.
- **Press kit**, including news release, downloadable poster, Governor's Proclamation, and other materials.
- Access to special library-discount pricing on books from University of Nebraska Press at www.nebraskapress.unl.edu/pages/OneBookOneNebraska.aspx
- Support for programming from the Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC), including:
 - Carol Miles Petersen is available through the NHC Speakers Bureau for her program, "Bess Streeter Aldrich: Biography." This talk by Petersen is not a living history or Chautauqua-style presentation. See the NHC website, www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/speakerscat.html, for information and steps to apply.
 - Other Speakers Bureau programs are available on pioneer life and the westward migration. Some of these are Chautauqua-style.
 - **A Video History of Bess Streeter Aldrich**. Biography of native-Nebraska author Bess Streeter Aldrich. NHC videos are housed at the Nebraska Library Commission. To order videos directly from the Library Commission Reference Services, contact ready@nlc.state.ne.us, 402-471-4019, 800-307-2665.



Libraries, schools, and nonprofit organizations are welcome to apply for NHC mini and major grants to help support local **One Book One Nebraska 2009** programming at www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/hrceligibility.html.

Librarians have always known that books and reading connect people across time and place. In a rapidly accelerating trend, libraries in Nebraska have brought their communities together through literature by hosting community-wide reading programs. We look forward to this same kind of overwhelming response to One Book One Nebraska 2009. For more information contact Mary Jo Ryan, Nebraska Library Commission Communications Coordinator, 402-471-3434, 800-307-2665, e-mail: mjryan@nlc.state.ne.us.

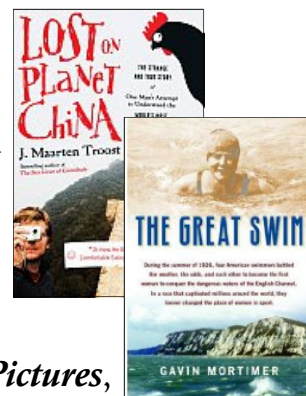


"A Reading List for Barack-and the rest of us"

School Library Journal, January 2009, pg.36-39

I found this to be an eclectic and interesting list and maybe a fun challenge for the new year. Book club choices anyone?

- *Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth*, Margaret Atwood.
- *The Numerati*, Stephen Baker.
- *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully*, Joan Chittister.
- *The Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War*, Drew Gilpin Faust.
- *Kluge: the Haphazard Construction of the Human Mind*, Gary Marcus.
- *The Great Swim*, Gavin Mortimer.
- *Physics for Future Presidents: The Science Behind the Headlines*, Richard A. Muller.
- *Old Masters, New World: America's Raid on Europe's Great Pictures*, Cynthia Saltzman.
- *Lost on Planet China: The Strange and True Story of One Man's Attempt to Understand the World's Most Mystifying Nation, or How He Became Comfortable Eating Live Squid*, J. Maarten Troost.
- *Obscene in the Extreme: The Burning and Banning of John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath*, Rick Wartzman



Europeana

American Libraries, January/February 2009, pg. 33

When the European Union wanted a way to share Europe's cultural history, they came up with a free digital library that includes the entire collection of the British Library- home of the Gutenberg Bible, pieces from the Louvre museum in Paris, and even video of the latest Harry Potter movie location. Wicked cool-you can see Titian paintings, da Vinci texts, and a ballad from the era of Napoleon: This ballad begins: 'A sailor and his lass / Sat o'er their parting glass, / For the tar had volunteered to go to sea, / At the sailing signal flying, / The lovely lass was sighing, / And said:- "I fear you never will come back to me.' The text preceding it reads: 'A song for the fleet called Jack and the Bear-skin / AIR - "The deeds of Napoleon".' Go play at www.europeana.eu.



Also, most of the journals we route around the System are online. School Library Journal, www.schoollibraryjournal.com, Library Journal, www.libraryjournal.com/, Library Media Connection- www.linworth.com/lmc/, Booklist- www.booklistonline.com/, Library Sparks- www.highsmith.com/librarysparks/pages/index/ [where you can view (and print) the whole magazine in PDF], Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)- www.voya.com/ and Booklinks- www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/hqops/publishing/booklinks/index.cfm (to a limited degree) are all online! The reviews, the articles, and even some online only articles are there-you don't need a subscription either.

If you are not on the SELS email list, maintained by Nebraska Library Commission, go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/lists/.

-Jenni Puchalla, Adm. Asst.

Nebraska Library Association Scholarship Opportunities

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org>

Would you like to attend graduate classes or training to increase your library skills? Here's your opportunity to apply for financial assistance.

These links include information on the Louise A. Nixon Scholarship (\$1,000.00) and the Duane Munson Scholarship (\$250.00). The application deadline is April 15th of the current year.

Louise A. Nixon Scholarship

Louise A. Nixon (1897-1989) worked constantly to enlighten the legislature about Nebraska's libraries' needs. She served as Assistant Director of the Nebraska Legislative Reference Bureau and as Legislative Council Librarian. Louise Nixon was head of the Nebraska Library Commission from 1950 to 1969. When federal funds were made available, she initiated bookmobile demonstration projects; public library construction; extension services; services to institutional residents and the physically challenged; and an inter-library communication network. Our lives have been enriched by her open-minded,

conscientious dedication to building library service in this state.

When Nixon reflected on her life for the Lincoln Journal, the paper wrote, "There is no single figure of greater 20th century significance in developing Nebraska's contemporary system of community libraries – facilities, collections, trained personnel, cooperative networking."

This scholarship was established to help each recipient reach for Nixon's goals of dedication and vision.

The application deadline is April 15th of the current year. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May.

<http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/nixonschol.htm>

Duane Munson Scholarship

Duane Munson, a well-known bookseller from Columbus, has been a long-time leader and solid supporter of library and educational activity in Nebraska. He desires to share his good fortune jointly with the NLA and NEMA communities. Munson has personally sponsored this scholarship since 1991.

The application deadline is April 15th of the current year. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May.

The Mountain Plains Library Association conference joins the Kansas Library Association in Wichita with this year's conference April 1st through 3rd – for details go to: www.kansaslibraryassociation.org/displayconvention.cfm. The Nebraska Regional Library Systems were **not** able to get a grant to fund a bus Road trip to MPLA this year, however – Wichita is easily within driving distance of Nebraska, so we're thinking it's time to start some conversations about planning **possible** carpools, and sharing of hotel rooms. So, if you're interested in making some cooperative travel plans – let's start the discussion. MPLA is a great regional conference with lots of opportunity for continuing education and a chance to network with librarians, staff, trustees, friends... from other states – many with similar issues and ideas to share. So, let us hear from you.



**SELS Board Meeting
Elmwood Public Library - Elmwood NE, October 24, 2008**

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of Nebraska - Lincoln); Ruth Carlock (York College); Scott Childers (University of Nebraska - Lincoln); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Misty Prochaska (Kaplan University, Lincoln); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public School)

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant)

Board Members Absent: Kim McCain (Tri-County Schools, DeWitt); Kris Rogge (Johnson); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora)

President Willnerd called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM

I. What's New Around the System

Hegr reports that the Morton-James Library in Nebraska City is migrating to Apollo automation software this weekend.

They are currently working on coordination of tech help for the migration. Crete is also migrating this weekend.

Frank reports that she made the papers about getting a new roof for the Greenwood Community Center, which includes the library. A lot of people in the community were happy about it. Prochaska reports that Kaplan University is in process of renovating and building a new building around current building. As part of the renovation a brand new bigger library will be part of the project. More academic programs are being added to the University as well. Baker reports the NLA/NEMA Conference was last week and at the conference Brenda Ealey was awarded the NLA Meritorious Award. She continues that on Aug 23, Seward Memorial Library migrated to Apollo and patrons have remarked they liked the change. There were at least 9 systems that are or have already switched to Apollo so there was a discount. Lincoln City Libraries will be talking with Baker as they plan on switching Bethany branch to a non-Dewey setup. Schmitz reports that at the Lincoln Regional Center the Wiis are out in the programs and he has done some promotional activity for them. He also picked up some information at conference about gaming tournaments to bring back and will be working with doing some comics building with patients as an activity. The HHS consortium got a S&I Promotion award at conference for the Wii grant. Childers & Bernthal report that new Digital Media Librarian, Jolie Graybill, has started at the UNL Libraries that they are interviewing for a Science Librarian. The traveling Lewis & Clark exhibition opened yesterday and will be open until December. They also reported that Judy Johnson will be retiring. Carlock reports that York College will be getting a new president, the first one that was an alum of the college. The current President will become a Chancellor and will go around the country looking to fundraise and contact alumni. Marget reports that the Fairmont Public Library has been doing an arts and crafts program since the October and recently received \$1000 to continue this program from local foundation. She also reports they have a WiFi setup in the library via Gates grant through the Commission and also got some money from a local foundation to get a new computer. They will also have used book sale in mid-November. Puchalla thanked people for coming to the senators session at NLA and reported there was a very good turn out. Willnerd reports Lincoln Public Schools' Mary Reiman won the NEMA Distinguished Service award and the Mad Hatter award from SCYP at this year's NLA/NEMA conference. She also reports that lots of authors have come and more are coming, including one that they are working with Seward and Nebraska City to bring in. She also reports that there was good turnout for opening of Mosaic exhibit first part of October. This year had 550 books on display.

II. Resignation - Replacement of Board Member

Kris Rogge sent an email to resign from the SELS board due to health issues. Discussion was held on the best way to replace her on the board to finish her term. It was agreed that finding someone who wasn't necessarily a "library person" would be a good thing.

A motion to invite Kent Munster, The Clark Enersen Partners, as a replacement board member was made by Baker and seconded by Marget. Motion passed.

If Kent declines, the board will look for other people and discuss it through email.

The board also recognized Kris Rogge's many contributions to the SELS board.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve as presented was made by Baker and seconded by Carlock. Motion passed.

IV. Financial Report

Puchalla presented the budget. She reminds the board that SELS will be starting a new bank account for colloquium to ease accounting and auditing. \$172 in airline expense will be moved to that budget once the account is set. The

SELS board will get a financial report on this new account as well. Puchalla finishes the report stating that petty cash was taken out to seed the cashbox used at the NLA conference fund raiser.

Puchalla noted that we are currently having some issues with state institutions just dropping money into the account with electronic deposits without any notification or notice on what was being paid. This means the SELS office often has to figure out where the money came from and why.

A motion to approve transactions was made by Frank and seconded by Hegr. Motion passed

V. Administrator's Report

Ealey highlighted some items from her written report.

Service Role 1: Training

Attended Return on Investment training at Keene Memorial at Fremont.

CASTL at Nebraska City on August 22 was well attended and attendees had a good experience with Bibliostat training with John Felton.

Ealey & Puchalla attended a meeting with the Corrections Librarians at Tecumseh. Getting some policies and procedures in place for these libraries is a top project.

Becky Baker was a SELS representative to Commissioners meeting on Sept. 10 and reported about the meeting at this time. A discussion started on what we can do to be more proactive in keeping the Commissioners in the loop of what's going on in our area.

The Youth Services Retreat on Sept 11 & Sept 12 had a good turnout, including people that aren't usually at other library events.

Baker & Ealey are doing the migration for basic skills courses into modules for the NLC.

The Sept 26 Brownville CASTL meeting had good turnout as well.

SELS was part of several CE grant proposals. Workshops by Theresa Dickson & Pat Wagner were funded.

Veronda Pitchford is coming in next week for Fall colloquium.

Service Role 2: Consortia Building & Cooperative Approaches to Providing Library Services

Attended the Sept 15 NLC/Systems Quarterly meeting at Baright.

Apollo ILS migration is going well across the region.

Nebraska Library Future Search Taskforce is still working.

Lawyers for Libraries project is sending two attorneys to the conference with funding from NLA and the PLTS section.

Service Role 3: Promotion

Attended the retirement party for Carol Connor, Lincoln City Libraries & was invited to the press conference announcing her replacement, Pat Leach.

Was Interviewed on KZUM on the topic of banned books to kick off Banned Book Week.

Service Role 4: Management of SELS Resources

Gary Riggs came into office to do audit

Due to insurance concerns, the term "consulting" will be removed from the SELS literature

Two PIA requests were received and both got both resolved.

Lunch called at 12:53 PM. Meeting rejoined at 1:43 PM

VI. SELS Friends Report

The Friends hosted a table at conference and got lots of exposure for system. Had some people to have Kent Haruf sign their books. November 28 is the Barnes & Noble "book fair" at the Southpointe Mall in Lincoln. All sales count toward the SELS fundraiser.

VII. NLC Report

Written report sent in.

VIII. Revisions to SELS Plan

Discussion on the SELS plan took place. Adjustments will be made and a revised plan will be sent out via email

IX. December 11th Board Meeting/CASTL/Senator Meet & Greet

The next board meeting will be in York. Ealey is trying to work with NLA Legislative to do meet & greet as part of the day. The goal is to try to do a bunch of business through email before hand. The usual round robin session will be held in morning, followed by lunch, then SELS business meeting in afternoon.

X. Committee Assignments & Updates

Tabled until December, when we have the new board member in place.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM

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Libraries remind us that
truth isn't about who yells
the loudest but who has
the right information.

~Barack Obama, then senator in a speech at the
American Library Association annual conference,
June 2007

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